

Colorado Legislative Council Staff

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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: ☑ State ☐ Local ☐ Statutory Public Entity ☐ Conditional ☐ No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: STEMI TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS HEART ATTACK CARE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds	Minimal increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal increase in expenditures and workload.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill implements several recommendations of the ST-elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Task Force to improve medical care for heart attack patients. Specifically, the bill requires hospitals that are accredited by the American College of Cardiology Accreditation Services or other nationally recognized accrediting body as a STEMI receiving center to report certain information to a national heart attack database. Other specified hospitals involved in heart attack care, but that are not accredited, are encouraged to report data to such a database. Accredited hospitals that receive quarterly data reports from the heart attack database are required to submit the data to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for state-level analysis. Information provided to the CDPHE is confidential, not subject to subpoena or disclosure, and shall only be used for the evaluation of hospital STEMI care. The CDPHE is also required to sign a letter of commitment with any nationally recognized body that provide hospital reports concerning data confidentiality and the acquisition of national heart attack data for benchmarking purposes.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload and costs in the CDPHE by a minimal amount to obtain benchmark data and receive data from hospitals. It is assumed that reports submitted by hospitals can be received and records of these reports maintained by existing staff in the CDPHE. The bill does not direct any specific analysis or use of these data by CDPHE, so it is assumed that staff, within existing appropriations, will only analyze data if it is required as part of their existing duties and responsibilities. Should more comprehensive data analysis using these reports be required in the future, it is assumed that the CDPHE will request additional funding through the annual budget process.

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Local Government Impact

Hospitals that are operated by local governments may be required to report data to the heart attack database and to provide data reports to the CDPHE on a quarterly basis. Any impact from the bill on local governments will be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 18, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology Public Health and Environment